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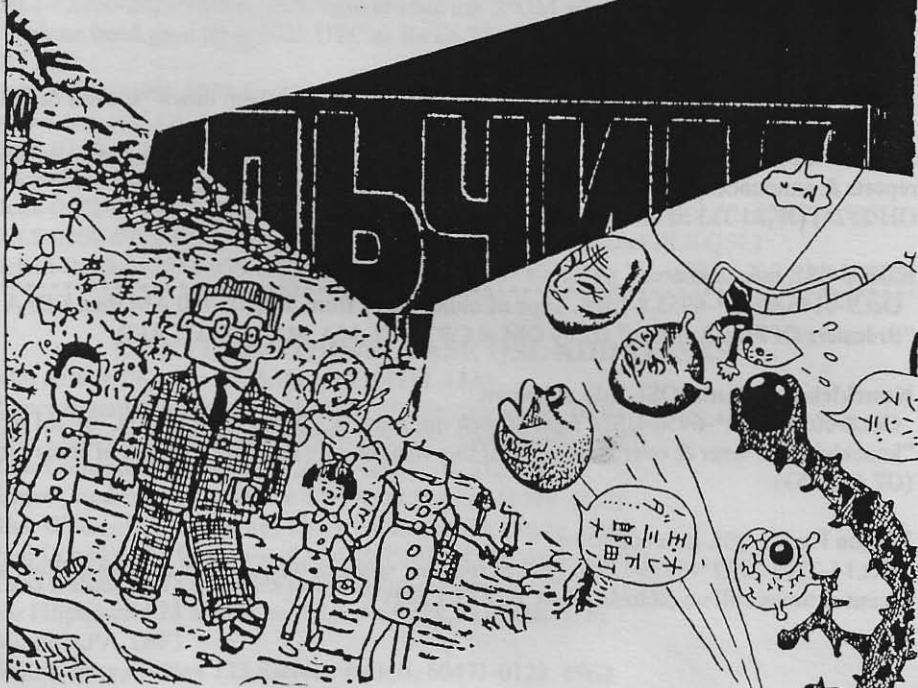
Esoteric QSL Sheet for Program No. 2

Congratulations John T. Arthur, here is your QSL for your
reception of Radio Esoterica on 7416.50 Kilohertz, on 1 / 16 / 93
Time 2234 to 2259 UTC, SIO of 4547 as relayed via NAPRS.
QSL number 601

***** Thanks for your report! *****

Moriarty

Moriarty/R. Esoterica



DIALOGS November 2000

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LATE LOGS

WHYP:9/18-1403-6955-USB. (GZ,OH 343+)

FROM ACROSS THE POND

No stations reported this month. (JF)

NORTH AMERICA-SHORTWAVE

Blind Faith Radio- blindfaithradio@yahoo.com

Oct.15-1643-1645-6955-USB. Played "Tuff Enough" by The Fabulous Thunderbirds into short QSO w/Steve Mann of Radio Eclipse. (JF,RI 141)

Fake Radio Three-QSLs via loggings

Oct.14/15-2356-0018*-6950-USB. Sal Ammoniac playing songs including "Midnight At The Oasis", "Way Back Home" & "I'm Too Sexy", many mentions of John Arthur & cut-up IDs like Radio Jawbox, Radio Totally Awesome & Radio Gary Moore. (JF,RI 434) (GZ,OH 343+)

Fight For Free Radio-sd to report to FRN website

Oct.14-2315-2333*-6949.9-USB. New stn w/rock mx but main content was repeated remarks by OM critical of the message boards on the FRN website, anncr accused Pat Murphy of censoring content of messages left on the site, sd to report to FRN for a QSL. (GZ,OH 252) (JF,RI 333 PLS QSL)

Jean Chretien Station-QSL info unknown

Oct.14-2334*-6950-USB. Phrase "We will not let them tear them down" spoken in Canada by Jean Chretien. (GZ,OH 343+) (JF,RI 333 as unid PLS QSL)

Oct.15-0113-0127*-6950-USB. Mx by The Beatles & Blink 182, some Canadian weather reports & announcements for local Ontario events incl. a puppet show. (GZ OH 252+) (JF,RI 333 as unid PLS QSL)

KBFA-QSL info unknown

Oct.9-0146-0243*-6955.8-LSB. Tape of oldies show from WKUE 740 AM then KBFA "Broadcasters Of Free America" ID by OM at QRT. (CL,MA 343) (GM,CT 433)

Knuckleheads (tent.)-QSL info unknown

Oct.8-0054-0114*-6950-USB. Pgm of rock mx, some tx @0104 & 0110 UTC w/OM repeating "knuckleheads" over & over, hard to tell if this was actually an ID or a slogan of some kind. (GZ,OH 353)

Psycho Radio-QSL info unknown

Oct.14-2213-2227*-6955-USB. Pgm of rock mx w/anncr who seemed to have an East Indian accent at times, still no address given. (GZ,OH 242)

Radio Wolf International-Pittsburgh,PA Oct.9-2012-2053+-6955-AM. Two OM's playing 60's rock like Moody Blues & mentioned Andy Yoder, KZAP & Radio Garbanzo. (GM,CT 242)

Raven Radio-QSL info unknown

Oct.1-1522-1525*-6955-USB. Stn ID w/RAVEN letters spelled out w/mention that brdcast was on the weekend, many repeats of "if you want uplifted here comes the song" but the song never came & stn went QRT. (GZ,OH 252+)

WHYP- whyp1530@yahoo.com

Sept.22-2328-2356-6950-USB. Mx by The Blues Brothers, The Police & parody of "When I'm 64", mentioned Howard Stern. (RC,MA 444)

Oct.8-1332-1338*-6955.5-AM. Some mx, a scratching noise & several James Brown yard phrases. (GZ,OH 454)

Oct.14-0130-0148-6950.6-USB. Halloween show w/ "It's Magic" & "Monster Mash" plus speech by George Zeller. (WH,IL 154)

WLOA-QSL info unknown

Sept.30-2314-2318*-6950-USB. One rock song & stn ID by OM before QRT. (GZ OH 242) (CL,MA 343 as WOOE)

WMFQ-Providence,RI

Oct.9-0015-0033*-6951-USB. Samples of multiple songs by Steely Dan, usual stn IDs. (GZ,OH 454) (GM,CT 434) (CL,MA 353)

UNIDENTIFIED

Oct.1-2020-2025*-6966-USB. Pgm of rock mx w/OM who said he went on to avoid dead air on the pirate band, gave ID @2025 UTC as Radio ? before saying "bye-bye". (GZ OH 242)

Oct.8-0012-0049*-6950.5v-AM. Pgm of rock & long sketch segments, appeared under-modulated. (GZ,OH 242/242-)

Oct.8-0115-0120-6951-USB. Mx, looped OM saying something like "will not fear the ?" w/too much echo. (BS,AL good PLS QSL)

Oct.8-0122-0149-6950-AM. British rock mx album being played. (BS,AL 555 PLS QSL)

Oct.8-0200-6955-USB. Mx which faded out. (BS,AL fair at best PLS QSL)

Oct.15-0129-0132*-6955-USB. Song "Let Freedom Ring" by YL. (JF,RI 233 PLS ID/QSL)

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DX NEWS OF INTEREST

Johnny Rockin' from The Scream Of The Butterfly sent in a message regarding his programs via WBCQ "The Planet". His first broadcast will be Friday November 3rd at 7 PM EST (Saturday 0000 UTC) on 7415 kHz & every week at that time thereafter. The Scream's weekly broadcasts on WRMI will continue as well as occasional European relays via Radio 510/IRRS in Milan, Italy. You can send reports to Johnny at PO Box 1994, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-1994 or johnnyrockin@hotmail.com.

I'm looking for someone to take over editing the Dialogs column. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact me ASAP.

Deadline for December 2000 Dialogs: November 20th



VERIED RESPONSE

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NEXT COLUMN DEADLINE: November 19th.

Hello and welcome to the November issue. Hope all of you had a fun Halloween, lots of candy et al.

On to the QSL reports!

John McWilliams of Mechanicsburg, PA jumped for joy upon receiving a full data sheet QSL from RADIO SUNFLOWER in 52 days

Ye Ed [not to be confused with Ye Olde Columniste!] nearly fainted with delight upon receiving a small blue card, personal letter and info sheets from RADIO GERONIMO in a month via a relay of Radio Alfa Lima. Chris Watson says they may test to North America later this year via their own 25 watt rig in the 17480 kHz area.

Veried Response presents another A*C*E Special feature:

Free Radio Statistics

formerly: The Scoreboard

updated: 10 October 2000

KEY:

NAM = North American Pirate QSLs, to include Canada

For = Foreign Pirate QSLs, outside NAM

dif = number of different stations represented

Tot = total different Pirate QSLs, NAM + For

name-state	--pirates--		-cland-		best QSL
	NAM/dif	For/dif	Tot	tot/dif	
R Brandt-DL	146/82	1363/787	869	16/10	KTVI/VotRock
G Zeller-OH	500/352	10/10	362	8/8	WHBH bust
J Filipkowski-RI	695/334	37/31	365		KMOM panties
N Wolfish-ONT	459/294	14/10	304		R CondorInt
J Arthur-NY	518/280	23/19	298	4/4	SML Ltd
T Provance-OH	430/251	21/16	267	14/11	Vo Acid
E Cronkright-MI	222/222	9/9	231		KAT
R Pfaff-VA	198/192	21/21	213		R Amazonia can
P Murphy-VA	248/196	19/15	211		CSIC chicken
J Coatsworth-ONT	213/173	26/20	193		KMOM
R Ross-ONT	200+/151	35/26	177	50/37	KIWI
C Crawford-KY	290/156	2/2	158		Car Show

C Smolinski-MD	161/139	20/14	155	2/2	VoVoyagerbust
R Hunsicker-PA	201/138	2/2	140		WPN mug
B Stacey-AL	262/136	2/2	138		ZepplinRWW
Y Lewis-IL	178/112	20/12	124		JRR - 6229
C Lobdell-MA	90/75	29/27	102		R Mi Amigo
J Rose-VA	189/93	11/7	100		R KorakIntl
A Spremo-NY	138/83	13/8	91	1/1	all of them
J McWilliams-PA	118/76	15/13	89		XEROX
S Gentry-IL	129/77	6/3	80		KMCR
R D'Angelo-PA	69/63	18/15	78	29/27	HeMan R
S Rogovich-VA	56/52	2/2	54		RClandestine
V Havrilko-FL	56/39	14/12	51		R USA
S Foehner-NY	54/34		34		WORK
C Harkins-ONT	46/29		29		WGLR
G Lytle-TX	32/26	6/1	27		KIWI
B Wooten-GA	16/13		13		
C Cuomo-PA	11/10		10		
H Short-MA?	10/9		9		R Garbanzo

The ACE QSL Statistics appear in the Feb, May, Aug, and Nov editions of Veried Response. Kindly update your totals in January, April, July, and/or October for inclusion; mail them to: ACE Stats, PO Box 146, Stoneham, MA 02180.

Please note that the ACE Stats are *only* available to A*C*E members!

That wraps up another column. See you next month.

-Chris Lobdell

RADIO WAVES INTERNATIONAL

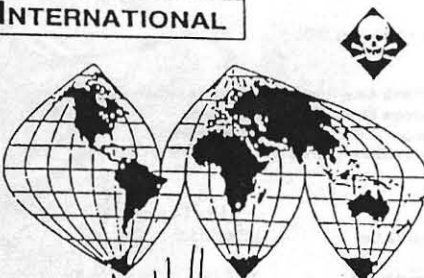
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Peter Hills

S.W. week end sound

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(FRANCE)

CLANDESTINE PROFILE

by George Zeller

Your loggings, information, and speculations about clandestine radio stations are always very welcome for this column. You can send them direct to your editor at 3492 West 123rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Or, you can call (216) 941-3366 anytime, or else (216) 696-9077 between 1300-2145 UTC weekdays. E-mail input is welcome via my georgez@nacs.net address, with <http://www.nacs.net/~georgez> providing access to my web page.

CLANDESTINE RADIO INTEL MERGES WITH CLANDESTINE RADIO WATCH; SPECTACULAR WEB SITE RESULTS

Martin Schoech, longtime editor and manager of the outstanding *Clandestine Radio Watch* newsletter, and Nick Grace, webmeister for the amazing *Clandestine Radio Intel* web site, have announced a merger between CRW and CRI. Neither Martin's newsletter nor Nick's web site are disappearing; the merged site contains both. The resulting web site is certainly the most spectacular information source in the history of clandestine DXing. In fact, the new site is without any doubt the best shortwave radio web site on the internet today. I'll go a step farther and say that the new site has to be among the top 100 best internet web sites in the world, regardless of topical content.

This kind of flowery language should not be interpreted as a knock on other outstanding internet resources, including John Cruzan's wonderful *Free Radio Network* site. The Clandestine Radio Com site is so good that it is hard to find words good enough to describe it. Relatively new ACE members may not recall that webmeister Nick Grace has been a longtime ACE supporter. For a few years he edited the DiaLogs loggings column in *The ACE*. So, ACE obviously starts out as a big supporter of Nick and Martin's efforts.

The site opens with an illustrated front page closely correlated with breaking world events. From the site you can access all current and back CRW issues by pressing the "Watch" tab. You can dig into Clandestine Radio Intel's summary database on worldwide clandestines by pressing the "Intel" tab. There are a host of other sections, some of which are under continuous development.

The new web site, Clandestine Radio Com, can be reached via the <http://www.clandestineradio.com/> URL. It is absolutely essential that you add this one to your bookmarks, since you'll need to go back again and again.

COLOMBIAN CIVIL WAR HEATING UP

As I write this column in mid-October, the Colombian civil war has been back on the news on consecutive days. The Associated Press says that on October 12, fifteen armed Colombian rebels kidnapped between 10 and 25 people at an oil field in Ecuador, including at least six Americans. According to the USA State Department, the rebels seized their hostages and transported them to Colombian territory in a hijacked helicopter. The Ecuador government, through Vice President Pedro Pinto, said nine people were seized in this incident, including one Ecuadorian. Pinto claimed that the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia had claimed responsibility for the attack. But, the FARC told the Associated Press that they were not responsible for this one. According to the Ecuadorian military, six Americans were among the persons seized. They included Dennis Carrey, Steve Derry, Jason Wavey, David Bradley, Ron Sanders, and Arnold Arfold.

The next day on October 13, the AP reported that eleven Colombian villagers were found shot dead on a dirt road near Barbosa, about eighteen miles north of Medellin, following their capture by a right wing paramilitary group. Four women were among the eleven victims. The paramilitary group accused the victims of collaboration with left wing guerrilla armies.

Meanwhile, running for President of the United States, both Governor George Bush of Texas and Vice President Al Gore expressed support for vastly increased involvement of the USA military

in the Colombian civil war during their second debate. Although most Americans have not given much attention to this war, the long-running conflict is clearly intensifying. The USA aid has been justified as part of the United States war on drugs. It seems clear that this policy will almost certainly continue under either Bush or Gore next year. The growing American involvement in this war deserves our very close attention.

I checked the web sites of both Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader and Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan, but I did not find any specific mention of the Colombia war on either site. Nader calls for a reduction in military budgets, but the word "Colombia" appears nowhere on his web site. I did find in the October 15 edition of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* that Nader has come out in opposition to USA military aid to Colombia. Pat Buchanan also does not mention Colombia on his web site, but the site does discuss his drug policy, which includes, "Increasing drug interdiction efforts at our borders," and, "Suspending Mexican drug certification unless Mexican authorities sharpen efforts to apprehend and extradite international cartel leaders." It does not look like Captain Ganja will be voting for Pat Buchanan.

The conflict remains of keen interest to clandestine DXers, given the continuing operations of shortwave clandestine voices operated by the Colombian rebels. Now that winter propagation is back, with later sunrises in eastern North America, our reception of the FARC's Voz de la Resistencia should be putting in decent morning signals once again. They have been active on 6261 kHz around 1100 UTC. Sometimes the frequency has been a little variable, moving down to the 6240 kHz vicinity, but most logs note them on 6261. Occasionally the Colombian government fires up a black clandestine jammer called El Pueblo Responde, so a cat and mouse game sometimes appears here. It's certainly worth checking around your local sunrise.

FARC AND ELN CLANDESTINE RADIO TACTICS

Given the increasing USA involvement in Colombia's civil war, it is useful to take a look at the shortwave clandestine tactics being used by leftist rebel groups in that country. The ELN's Radio Patria Libre used to put out whopping signals from a big transmitter, back in the days when it was operating on 31 and/or 19 meters. These broadcasts were very easily audible in North America. But, Radio Patria Libre has not been reported as active for some time.

As stated above, the FARC station operates regularly just out of band above 49 meters, in what we know better as the Europirate band. But, given its time schedule around 1100 UTC, these broadcasts are inaudible by most of the population of North America throughout the summer, given sunrises that take place earlier than that. Even the winter propagation on this one is much better along the east coast than it is farther west.

This situation has always puzzled me. You would think that the Colombian opposition would have a firmer self-interest in maintaining a public relations presence, particularly in the United States. Given the increasing USA involvement in this situation, we might look forward to at least a restoration of some evening programming, perhaps in the dinnertime area around 2300 UTC. This would be prime time for radio listening in Colombia, and also a good time to get DX coverage in North America.

But, I have no involvement in the scheduling for Colombian rebel radios. I just continue to find it curious that they have not been making more overt attempts to extend the listenership of their broadcasts to areas outside northwestern South America.

VOICE OF PALESTINE

Unless you have been living in a cave lately, you certainly saw on TV that the Israeli Air Force knocked the transmitter of the Voice of Palestine off the air on October 12. This military action was part of the retaliation for the killing of three Israeli soldiers in the West Bank on that same day.

If you want to hear this station right now in the Middle East, you are probably out of luck, given the destruction of the transmitter. (The station had been operating on 675 kHz medium wave, so it always has been an extreme long shot for North American reception, even before the transmitter destruction). However, they still remain on the air via an internet RealAudio feed. The site is at the <http://www.beilasan.com/pinc/radio.ram> URL, which requires a RealAudio player to hear it. Normally I don't have much interest in this sort of internet clandestine feed, but I made an exception in this case. When I checked it during mid-October, its only programming was a short two minute newscast. But, you might want to visit the site and see what they are up to now.

If you're interested in chasing Palestinian radio on shortwave during the current political turmoil in the Middle East, you might want to try a shot at the Voice of the Islamic Revolution of Palestine. CRW #53 reported a log by R. Merrill in Germany (with elaborate sourcing via DXLD) of this one on 9610 kHz around 0330 UTC. The alleged parallel frequency of 7250 kHz was not noted in this logging, despite the fact that he checked.

MARTI JAMMED?

In Clandestine Radio Watch #55, H. J. Koch of Germany notes that he heard "blabber jamming" of Radio Marti on 6030 kHz at 0151 UTC. Has anybody else been noticing Cuban jamming here? This is not the only active Cuban jammer, of course, since Jeff White's Radio Miami International continues to draw heavy continuous jamming on 9955 kHz.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK IN IRAQ

According to Nick Grace, in CRW #55, the US State Department has appropriated \$1.8 million to fund restoration of clandestine radio and TV broadcasts from Radio Hurrieh. This station is the voice of the Iraqi National Congress. It formerly broadcast from within Iraqi Kurdistan, but Iraqi troops destroyed this operation. Nick says that the station will probably be on medium wave, as well as TV coverage from an as yet undisclosed Middle Eastern country. Program production is anticipated in London. He also notes that both Al Gore and Dick Lieberman have been active supporters of this station, while the Clinton administration has been lukewarm in its support during a four year silent period by the station that is apparently about to end. In fact, in CRW #53 Nick noted that "bureaucratic resistance within the Executive branch of government" was stalling the restoration of IRC broadcasting. This logjam apparently has now been overcome.

DRAKE SW-8 DISCONTINUED

Some ACE members have been using the Drake SW-8, or have been thinking about buying this receiver. Several sources, including ACE member Harald Kuhl, have confirmed that Drake has stopped production of this radio. Harald cited a German distributor as his source. Apparently Drake is concentrating on its new partnership with Grundig on the 800 "boom box" model. The software and radio performance is similar in the two radios, but construction quality of the 800 has not been up to the Drake SW-8 standard at first. In addition, the huge size of the Grundig 800 is a turn-off for many DXers, although the audio is pretty good through a big speaker.

A full review of both receivers is in the 2001 edition of *Passport to World Band Radio*, now available from your local shortwave retailer. IBS North America also sells the books direct from the <http://www.passband.com/> web site. Once again this year, your editor served as a contributing editor to the portatop and communications receiver sections of this important book.

FRED ROBERTS CHECKS IN

Veteran ACE members will remember Fred Roberts, who was very active in our club back during the 1980's. Fred checks in this month to note that he is alive and well, and that he is working as a software developer in Germany. Fred says hello to his many friends in ACE.

CANADIAN CLANDESTINES?

Niel Wolfish notes that as I write this column, it looks more definite that Jean Chretien will be calling Canadian elections for late in the year. In the past, a number of quasi-clandestine semi-pirate stations have emerged in association with big Canadian elections, particularly the various Quebec referenda. This trend from the past is useful to keep in mind, as you scan 6950 and 6955 kHz for the rest of the year.

THANKS!

The input of ACE members and other DXers is vitally important to this column, and to all other ACE columns. We thank Martin Schoech (Germany), Nick Grace (DC), Ullis Fleming (Maryland), Bud Stacey (Alabama), Harald Kuhl (Germany), Niel Wolfish (Ontario), Fred Roberts (Germany), and George Zeller (Ohio) for providing material. Next month we all hope to hear from YOU by November 20 for the December *Clandestine Profile*.

	Confirmation
	Frequency: 15.052.....
	Date: 17 MARCH 1991.....
	Time: 01:51.....04:08.....
	Signal: 455.34.....
Our Address: Radio Tower - P.O. Box 19074 0611-1201 DE Utrecht - The Netherlands	

Micro'casting

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The sole purpose of this column is to enlighten & educate ACE members about the many facets of Part 15 micro radio- this is YOUR column! Please send stuff and what-have-you to any of the addresses above- you'll get credit or blame, whichever you prefer!

FREEDOM; OR LACK THEREOF: The election this November 7th will determine what happens to YOU (contained as We the People in our Constitution), so please, if you get The ACE beforehand, make SURE what you vote for is what you want for years to come, or even forever. I have mentioned before that being a white Christian male, pro-Constitution/Bill of Rights, pro-family, etc., I was an "enemy of the state" and "dangerous" by the standards of a now-former Senator. I have also stated many times that even though we started as a Republic, NOT a democracy, we now have the finest socialism money can buy, due to lobbyists buying our Congresspeople into what they want, not what the People want. I've also mentioned several times of toll-free phone numbers to Washington, DC, but another has been disconnected; we're down to two and they sometimes get busy, but keep dialing & talking! Here are the remaining numbers: 800-648-3516 and 877-778-9001. Use them wisely for anything and everything that concerns you at a federal level- including the LPFM issue!

LPFM IN ENGLAND: Nope, we're not the only ones considering LPFM! Across the pond, considerations are in force, to the point of even changing frequencies of established, high power commercial stations to make room for LPFMs! This from a large, one-page article in Radio World, Oct. 11/00 issue. The emphasis is that digital radio fails in many respects, so analog radio can be used at lower powers to continue growing within the industry.

PROTESTERS DISRUPT NAB SHOW IN SAN FRANCISCO: Yup, to the tune of even chaining themselves together in the lobby of the hotel! They were later cut loose and hauled away, charges with trespassing. Even Eddie Fritts got forcibly bumped off the stand by a protester after introducing another speaker; she was promptly hauled away by a rent-a-cop. Sadly enough, some of the protesters were poorly informed; in one instance, some even thought the FCC and NAB were in cahoots to strip the common folk of Freedom of Speech; he was corrected and educated to the fact that the FCC is on our side in the LPFM issue. Unfortunately, misinformation or poor education has always been a downfall. Interesting pics from Radio World (again).

POLITICAL SCENE RE: LPFM: There is a new Senate bill being disputed recently; S-3020 was welcomed by Eddie Fritts, introduced by Sen. Rod Grams (R-MN). Quoted from Radio World (again): "S-3020 is companion legislation to a House bill that would allow LPFM, but would retain current channel protection." This is considered a "compromise" proposal. Seemingly, a better piece of legislation is S-2989, supported by folks on OUR side

and intro'd by Sens. John McCain (R-AZ) and Bob Kerry (D-NB), which is in favor of the FCC's proposal to drop third adjacent protection.

For more info on these bills, log on to www.thomas.loc.gov and follow the prompts, enter the bill number & read to your heart's content- then CALL and let your voice be heard!

By the way, Herr Clinton has directed the federal government and the FCC to "find" chunks of available frequency space to be turned over to the wireless communications industry, by ANY and ALL means possible. That equates to the fact of "don't use it, lose it", like the Amateur Radio Industry lost a chunk in the 1.23 cm (220-225 Mhz) range to UPS, who promised to utilize new technology; they then mismanaged it, and lied, using existing technology. I wonder what's happened to that frequency chunk now?

That means there will be MORE folks running into each other on the road using cell and PCS phones, with more high-power cell sites cooking us from our own back yards and from space-based satellites. I wonder what's next? 440? 1.2 GHz? Two meters is a CB-like mess - I haven't been on in two years. I'm about to upgrade my HF class so I can get more worldwide coverage; some folks overseas talk more intelligently than operators here (little/no cussing or other bad practices). Some folks outside the USA wait for months or years to get permitted for Amateur radio - they don't DARE abuse the privilege needless to say. USE the toll-free numbers to call & speak against this latest grab of OUR frequencies!

Not much else in the way of info from letters or Internet; is interest of LPFM or Part 15 Radio moot in our corner? Let me know; I check my AOL account almost nightly, my Lycos account almost as much. By all means, continue to contribute to all the turkeys...er, columnists of The ACE and let them know of your views, positive, negative or otherwise. These folks dig hard to bring you the news of radio. Let them know you care.

Well, I'm going to get my politically incorrect gun and shoot some poor defenseless animal for some non-vegetarian fare for the holidays. Be sure to let the REAL turkeys in Washington know where THEIR strength lies: in We The People! Have a nice Thanksgiving - until next month, talk hard in English!
73 de Bud

Covert Comms

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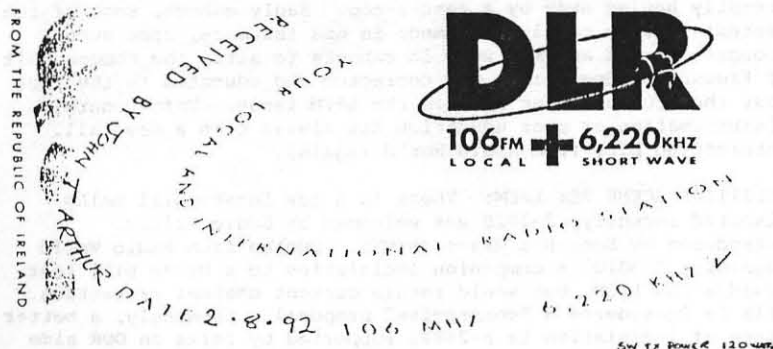
For the past eight years or so, ENIGMA, the European Numbers Information Gathering & Monitoring Association, has collected information on numbers stations in Europe and the rest of the world. The ENIGMA newsletter provided numbers monitors with in-depth information. Now, in 2000, they have announced that ENIGMA will not be continuing on in its present form. According to an announcement from ENIGMA HQ, due to a variety of personal reasons from those who put out the newsletter, it will not be produced any longer. ENIGMA will continue, however, but only to conduct research into numbers-related matters. Subscription money will be refunded, however according to the announcement, refunds must be requested by December 1st.

ENIGMA was a fine organization devoted to numbers stations and other related information which put out a newsletter a couple times a year. ENIGMA was not without controversy, however, as a few editorials in the newsletter seemed to put down American SWL's and the internet. There was also the concern of information from ENIGMA being plagiarized on the internet and other places. However, the opinions of a couple of people should not overshadow the work that ENIGMA did. The newsletter contained good information about numbers stations with little speculation. ENIGMA HQ was serious about monitoring numbers stations.

A small group of ENIGMA members have set up ENIGMA 2000. This is a new entity separate from, but with close ties to, the original ENIGMA. This group will be centered around the website <http://reachus.at/enigma>. It's unclear as to what form ENIGMA 2000 will take, or what exactly the group will do, but the website will undergo an extensive overhaul in the next few weeks. as of this writing.

With the passing of the ENIGMA newsletter, numbers monitors have been discussing what to do to fill the void. The idea of producing another newsletter has come up, but nothing firm has been decided as of yet. If you have any ideas or are interested in a new numbers station newsletter, please contact me at the address at the top of the page.

The ENIGMA newsletter may be gone, but there are still plenty of other places to get numbers-related information. First, you can read this column in the ACE every month. Secondly, the Spooks mailing list provides up-to-date information & loggings. To subscribe, send an email to majordomo@qth.net with "subscribe spooks" as the message. Chris Smolinski's website www.spynumbers.com is a good spot to learn about individual stations, as well as having an extensive database of numbers loggings. Finally, the message forum at



www.delphi.com/spynumbers is the site I set up to discuss numbers & intelligence-related information.

Next month, some new information on the stolen Enigma code machine taken from the museum at Bletchly Park in England.

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We almost didn't have a newsletter at all this month, folks. My email server has been online and offline with amazing regularity this month; up a few days, down a week. It happened to work out that they came up just in time to collect the columns. Guess we can save the panic for another deadline...

Which could be next month, in fact. I usually take the pages to Staples on the 25th of the month, which will be a few days after Thanksgiving. And just wait until the following deadline - we all know nothing (not even McDonald's) is open on the 25th of December!!

You'll note in DiaLogs that Joe is looking for a replacement editor; says he's running out of time to do the column but won't leave us flat. And The A*C*E is still looking for a President/Publisher, for that matter. We depend on volunteers to get things done, so don't wait for someone else to step up and offer. Besides, YOU could do a much better job than so-and-so, couldn't you? Why not show the Club what you can do for us? If you can help in any way, feel free to contact ACE Hdq. We can use clean copies of your QSLs, too - you **must** be getting tired of seeing mine already.

I have a great Thanksgiving! 73 de jta

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